

## Houghton Department

### SETTLERS WILL GET BIG SUM

Whites On Indian Lands In Baraga Co. to Receive \$50,000

Through the efforts of Assistant Attorney-General Charles McGill, settlers in northern Michigan are to be reimbursed to the extent of \$52,534.25 by the national government the payment of the sum having been authorized by the secretary of the interior, says a Lansing dispatch. The payment is to reimburse white settlers who are now under patents from the state of Michigan, occupying lands within the Baraga and Vieux Desert Indian reservation in Baraga county. Payment would have been recommended in the regular appropriation bill, but it came in too late to be therein incorporated. The state of Michigan claimed title to lands in the reservations under school land granted and patented the land to white settlers.

The reimbursement to these settlers in Baraga county is the result of years of correspondence between the federal government and the attorney-general's department and the Michigan state land office. Mr. Gill was given charge of the case for the state four years ago.

The case started back at the time Michigan was first admitted into the Union when the government gave to the state section 16 in several townships in the state, the lands to be used for school purposes. Gradually as schools were established the state sold the lands not needed, to settlers, the deeds many of them dated back to the early 50's and 70's. In 1893 the commissioner of Indian affairs claimed Baraga county for the Indians, as part of their reservation. A similar question came up in Wisconsin, where a decision was rendered in the United States court in favor of the Indians, and it was the opinion that the government based its claim.

Of late years, letters have been pouring into the state land office from northern white settlers saying that they had expended hundreds of dollars on improvement and had acquired the lands from the state. In his first contention, McGill claimed the Wisconsin decision did not cover the Michigan case because the government grant to the state was made prior to the grant of the Indians. As a result the government sent a representative to appraise the lands, the improvements made, etc., and will pay over to the settlers their just compensation.

While the lands will, of course, revert to the Indians, the settlers will be repaid for their farms and such improvements as they have made.

#### HAS BEGUN COLLECTIONS.

Superintendent Gibson Still Has System Under Formation.

Supt. Gibson has started the collections which were authorized at the last meeting of the village council, the first collections being made last week. The plan has not yet been reduced to a working basis, however, but promises to become a formalized soon.

The collections, which were made last week, consisted largely of ad valorem taxes. The most surprising feature of the work was the amount of tax due, as much as an entire load having been picked up at some places. The work will be continued from now on with possible brief interruptions to allow the snow to be handled.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC AT CHURCH.

The Christmas cantata "The Nativity" by Gabriel will be performed by the church choir of 15 voices, under the direction of Miss Barker of the Grand M. Church next Sunday Dec. 22, at 10:30. The troupe of vocalists will sing Christmas carols at this church on the following Sunday, Dec. 23 at the 11:30 service.

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#### ARE CUTTING TREES.

Large Number For Christmas Are Being Brought.

A large number of Christmas trees are being brought in daily by Houghton people. Trees in the vicinity of Houghton are becoming rather scarce and it is now necessary to go quite a distance to get good ones.

The Houghton-Hancock troupe of boy scouts has secured permission from Michael Messner of Atlantic to cut trees along his land near the Salmon trout river, and next Saturday they will cut a number of trees along those ranges and sell them in Houghton and Hancock. Last Saturday the troupe went out and cut a tree for the Houghton county sanatorium patients. There are six young children at this place who are undergoing treatment for tuberculosis, and by cutting a tree and performing other tasks the Houghton boys felt that they are bringing a little Christmas to these unfortunates.

### WILL ULTIMATELY OPERATE A FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

EXPRESS COMPANIES WILL BE BENEFITED BY PARCELS POST SAYS AGENT.

"The parcels post will help the express business," was the startling statement of W. D. McIntosh, of Marquette, route agent for the Western Express company, former agent for the company at Houghton, when asked in Houghton today in what way the parcels post service, to be established on Jan. 1 by the postoffice department, would affect the express business.

"There is no doubt," continued Mr. McIntosh, "that the interstate commerce commission will start in to regulate the express companies as soon as the parcels post service becomes a proven success. If such proof really does come about, the only regulation possible to the commission will be in the direction of a reduction of rates and express officials look to see the commission compel the express companies to bring their rates down to a par with the freight rates of the railroads. What will be the result?"

"The result will be that the express companies will then simply be operating a fast freight service. The result would be that for all small freight shipments, exceeding in size and weight the parcels permitted by the post, the express companies would be the choice of the shippers because the express would be a freight service conducted on the same schedules as the present express service."

Mr. McIntosh does not say this is the opinion of all express officials but he knows it is the opinion of many of them, the only possible outcome of the impending situation.

Mr. McIntosh also says that the express companies are waiting for the parcels post service with great interest because the companies know that the postoffice department will encounter some interesting problems. The mail cars are not large enough now to handle any great amount of package business, the local postoffices will be handicapped by lack of delivery facilities, and the postoffice will need a greatly increased force. The expressmen are not saying the parcels post will not be a success but they do say the department will have an exciting time before it really makes a go of it.

#### BEAVER LAW PROVISIONS.

Time People Were Becoming Fully Informed Says Clerk.

As the beaver law will permit the slaughter of beaver after Jan. 1 under certain restrictions, County Clerk Kaiser believes Houghton county people should be informed fully concerning it. Incidentally, it may be said that as the state gets half the license fee and the county the other the county clerk may not be looked upon as having an axe to grind.

The following is a hasty digest of the new beaver law:

Beaver may be killed during any part of the year excepting from May 15 to October 31.

The trapper must first get a permit from the owner of the lands on which he expects to hunt; if the state owns the lands he gets the permit from the state game warden.

Armed with the permit from the owner of the land, the trapper asks the county clerk for a license and pays a \$10 fee.

The license permits one trapper to kill not more than 15 beaver in a season.

With each license will be issued 15 aluminum, or other metal, tags, each of which is to be affixed to a killed beaver.

A trapper may not kill more than four beaver in any one family or colony.

Pelts may be sold only with the metal seal attached and this must remain attached while the fur is in process of manufacture.

Houghton county continues to reveal itself as a haunt of fur bearing animals. H. P. Proney of Jacobsville came into Houghton today with a handsome mink pelt. It was a particularly large one and of exceptional dark color. Mr. Proney paid considerably less to the trapper than the pelt is worth and he values it himself at about \$15. The disposition he intends to make of it might interfere with the operations of one Kris Kringle if that disposition were announced.

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#### HURONTOWN M. E. CHURCH.

Officers of Church and Sunday School Debate on Jan. 6.

At a business meeting held by the Hurontown Epworth League the following officers were elected:

President—George Cotton.  
First vice president—Rev. Prout.  
Second vice president—Miss Edna Colenso.  
Third vice president—Miss Ethel Trathen.  
Fourth vice president—Miss Edith Colenso.  
Secretary—Miss Alita Biscomb.  
Treasurer—Albert Goldsworthy.  
Organist—Miss Olive Heather.  
Librarian—Raymond Hocking.

Debate on Jan. 6.

On Jan. 5 the league will debate on the topic:

Resolved, That the World is Getting Better.

The affirmative: Russell Harvey, Miss Edith Colenso and Miss Lois Curran. The negative: Miss Minnie Martin, Albert Goldsworthy and Richard Ferrell.

#### Sunday School Officers.

The following officers were elected for the Sunday school for the year 1913:

Supt.—George Cotton.  
Asst. Supt.—Mrs. W. G. Prout.  
Secretary—George Kelley.  
Asst. Secretary—Clarence Moyle.  
Treasurer—William Chappell.  
Organist—Miss Clara Gordon.  
Asst. Organist—Miss Marena Champion.

The missionary society of the Sunday School elected officers:

President—Mrs. W. G. Prout.  
Vice president—Mrs. George Cotton.  
Secretary—Miss Richards.  
Treasurer—William Pearce.

#### WILL GO TO DETROIT.

Judge O'Brien and Family to Spend Holidays Below Straits.

Judge P. H. O'Brien and his family will leave Friday for Detroit to spend the holidays with the family of Judge O'Brien's brother, M. E. O'Brien, president of the Detroit Life Insurance company.

The judge intended to continue the Houghton county circuit court in session till Friday, which was the date he had set for a respite for the bar and jury in anticipation of the holidays, but the cases called for the remainder of the intervening period could not be tried owing to the unavoidable absence of a material witness.

The January term of the court will open January 27 and in the meantime the Baraga and Ontonagon county terms will have to be held, so that the court will have only a brief vacation.

#### HOUGHTON BREVITIES.

Mrs. Ed. Taylor, who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. James, left last evening for Globe, Ariz., called there by the news that her husband is ill. Mr. Taylor is treasurer of the Miami mine.

J. Ira Harkness, of Escanaba, is visiting here.

Thomas Henry Bawdon, of Houghton, an Englishman, today filed his application with County Clerk Kaiser for full citizenship.

Henry Patzer, chef at the Douglas House, returned today from Ashland, Wis., where he has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Japan has little silver plated table ware.

Miss Castina C. Swanson has been appointed acting superintendent of the Franklin Square House in Boston to take the place of Mrs. Alice Gray Teale, who resigned because of ill health. Miss Swanson is a native of Cambridge, Mass., and after studying at Radcliffe took her degree at the Massachusetts State college. The Franklin Square House is said to be the model home for working women not only in this country but in the world. The prices for room and board range from \$10 a week down to fit the salary of the girl. The house pays its own running expenses. When an applicant for room and board comes she is asked the amount of her salary and only such rooms as she is entitled to are offered her. Aside from that there are no rules not customary in the usual high priced hotel for women.

Cherrapongee, in southwestern Assam, is the wettest place in the world. The average annual rainfall there is 616 inches.

St. Louis clubwomen have opened a new club house at 4600 Lindell boulevard, with a large cafe and two private dining rooms as features.

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